

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 565

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A RESOLUTION relative to the composition of the Tennessee Valley Authority's Board of Directors.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is a unique federal corporation charged with the responsibility of regional development and power generation in the Tennessee Valley; and

WHEREAS, the TVA serves 8.3 million people in an 80,000 square mile region encompassing Tennessee and parts of Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, in fulfilling its mission of integrated resource management, the TVA administers such important functions as navigation, flood control, malaria prevention, reforestation, erosion control, and power production; and

WHEREAS, in its seven-state service area, the TVA supplies affordable and reliable electrical power to millions of citizens, promotes sustainable economic development, and acts as a steward of the Tennessee Valley's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, in recognizing TVA's vital importance to the region it serves, it is essential that the interests of all Tennessee citizens be duly represented in the composition of the TVA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress recently enacted Public Law 108-447, which changed the composition of the TVA Board from three (3) full-time directors to nine (9) part-time directors; and

WHEREAS, with the expansion of the Board, there now exists an opportunity to better reflect the geographic diversity and disparate needs of the TVA service area; and

WHEREAS, a provision of the newly amended 16 U.S.C. § 831(a) states in part, "In appointing members of the Board, the President shall...seek qualified members from among persons who reflect the diversity, including the geographical diversity, and needs of the service area of the Corporation"; and

WHEREAS, that geographic diversity is precluded in the composition of the current TVA Board, namely, that one of the Grand Divisions of the State of Tennessee is unrepresented; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby strongly urge the President of the United States, in making appointments to the Tennessee Valley Authority's Board of Directors, to appoint members from each of the three Grand Divisions of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States and each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.